

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated August 3, 2007. Claims 1-7 are pending in the application. By the present amendment, claim 1 has been amended. No new matter has been added. The Examiner's reconsideration of the rejection in view of the amendment and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment to claim 1. "An amendment touching the merits of the application or patent under reexamination may be admitted upon a showing of good and sufficient reasons why the amendment is necessary and was not earlier presented." 37 C.F.R. §1.116(3). Moreover, "[a]n amendment presenting rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal may be admitted." 37 C.F.R. §1.116(3). The present claim amendments are both necessary and present the claims in better form for consideration on appeal.

Claim 1 prior to the present amendment stated, inter alia:

continuous acquisition of a digital audio/video stream, the digital video stream being composed of an ordered sequence of images;
video decoding of all the images of the sequence;
receiving a request for displaying only part of the image;
responsive to the request, generating a video signal based on only part of the images of the sequence....

The receiving step has been amended to recite "only part of the images." The Amendment was not presented earlier because an error in the previous Amendment has only recently been discovered.

The previous Amendment, reciting "only part of the image," was clearly an inadvertent error, as both the claim and the specification consistently employ the phrase "only part of the images." (see generating step, claim 1; e.g., Specification p. 1, lines 29-30; p. 2, lines 27-31; and Abstract). In addition, use of the word "the" plainly indicates that the phrase was referring to "images in the sequence," as recited in the video decoding step. Furthermore, the amendment is necessary and presents the claims in better form for consideration on appeal, as the current

recitation of "the image" has no antecedent basis. Accordingly, the Applicant's respectfully request entry of the Amendment.

It should also be noted that the Amendment would not require a new search or further consideration because the Examiner has already asserted that a narrower scope of the claims has been anticipated by Sun (see August 3, 2007 Office Action, p. 2, section 8, stating that Sun anticipates 'receiving a request for displaying only part of the image.'). Thus, the Examiner may equally direct any purported arguments alleged in the previous office action to the amended claims.

In view of the above Amendment, it is respectfully believed that pending claims 1-7 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and early allowance on the merits is respectfully requested.

It is believed that no additional fees or charges are currently due. However, in the event that any additional fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the application, they may be charged to applicant's representatives Deposit Account No. 07-0832.

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